

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) A connectable solenoid for use with a housing body, comprising:

a solenoid having a substantially cylindrical hollow bobbin made of an insulating material slidable onto and adapted to be coupled to the housing body and provided with at least two relay connectors anchored in an end area of the bobbin and projecting axially therefrom; and

a contact element having at least two contact tabs and including a connecting part attached to the housing body;

wherein the solenoid and the contact element are two separate components; and

wherein the solenoid, via the at least two relay connectors, and the contact element, via the at least two contact tabs, are connected to each other by the connecting part of the contact element.

19. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 18, wherein the contact element has at least two extensions that are connected to the relay connectors of the solenoid.

20. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 19, wherein the contact element is attached to the relay connectors of the solenoid by one of soldering and welding.

21. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 20, wherein the at least two contact tabs are connected to each other by a web.

22. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 21, wherein the contact tabs have holes.

23. (Previously Presented) A connectable solenoid for use with a housing body, comprising:

a solenoid having a substantially cylindrical hollow bobbin made of an insulating material adapted to be coupled to the housing body and provided with at least two relay connectors anchored in an end area of the bobbin and projecting axially therefrom; and

a contact element;

wherein the solenoid and the contact element are two separate components which are connected to each other by a connecting part of the contact element attached to the housing body;

wherein the contact element has at least two extensions that are connected to the relay connectors of the solenoid;

wherein the contact element is attached to the relay connectors of the solenoid by one of soldering and welding;

wherein the contact element has at least two contact tabs are connected to each other by a web;

wherein the contact tabs have holes; and

wherein the contact element is connected to the connecting part by a first plastic web, the first plastic web extending between the contact tabs, and each of the holes located in the contact tabs being embedded in the first plastic web.

24. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 23, wherein two further holes are connected to each other by a second plastic web which extends between the contact tabs.

25. (Currently Amended) A [[The]] connectable solenoid ~~according to claim 18,~~ for use with a housing body, comprising:

a solenoid having a substantially cylindrical hollow bobbin made of an insulating material slidable onto and adapted to be coupled to the housing body and provided with at least two relay connectors anchored in an end area of the bobbin and projecting axially therefrom; and

a contact element having at least two contact tabs and including a connecting part attached to the housing body;

wherein the solenoid and the contact element are two separate components;

wherein the solenoid, via the at least two relay connectors, and the contact element, via the at least two contact tabs, are connected to each other by the connecting part of the contact element; and

wherein the connecting part partially surrounds the housing body.

26. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 18, wherein the housing body is cylindrical in shape.

27. (Currently Amended) A [[The]] connectable solenoid according to claim 18; for use with a housing body, comprising:

a solenoid having a substantially cylindrical hollow bobbin made of an insulating material slidable onto and adapted to be coupled to the housing body and provided with at least two relay connectors anchored in an end area of the bobbin and projecting axially therefrom; and

a contact element having at least two contact tabs and including a connecting part attached to the housing body;

wherein the solenoid and the contact element are two separate components;

wherein the solenoid, via the at least two relay connectors, and the contact element, via the at least two contact tabs, are connected to each other by the connecting part of the contact element; and

wherein the connecting part surrounds the housing body in an angular range that is greater than 180°.

28. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claims 18, wherein the connecting part is made of an elastic plastic.

29. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 23, wherein the connecting part is injection-molded onto the first plastic web.

30. (Previously Presented) The connectable solenoid according to claim 29, wherein a portion of each of the at least two contact tabs is bent at an angle.

Claims 31 to 34. (Canceled).